

**MINUTES OF THE TRI-BASIN NRD BOARD MEETING**  
**Tuesday, February 12, 2019, 1:30 p.m.**  
**Tri-Basin NRD**

**CALL TO ORDER**

The regular monthly board meeting of the Tri-Basin Natural Resources District (NRD) was called to order by Chairman, Bradley Lundeen, at 1:35 p.m. Lundeen noted Public Meeting Law is posted in the boardroom. Thorburn opened the Groundwater Quality Hearing prior to opening this meeting.

**ROLL CALL**

Roll call was taken with twelve directors present: Bergstrom, Bilka, Garrelts, Harris, Hinrichs, Jorgensen, Johnson, Larson, Lundeen, Olsen, Raffety and Reynolds. Cavanaugh was absent. Notice of the meeting was published in the Holdrege Citizen, Bertrand Herald, Elwood Bulletin and Minden Courier and announced on radio stations KRVN, Lexington and KUVR, Holdrege.

**EXCUSE ABSENCES**

There were no absences to excuse.

**MINUTES**

Thorburn presented the minutes of the January 8, 2019 Board of Directors Meeting. Lynch mentioned that a motion for out-of-state travel had the incorrect dates listed for the Washington DC Conference.

Moved by Olsen, seconded by Johnson, to approve the minutes for the January 8, 2019 Board of Directors Meeting as corrected. Motion carried.

AYE: Bergstrom, Bilka, Garrelts, Harris, Hinrichs, Johnson, Jorgensen, Larson, Lundeen, Olsen, Raffety and Reynolds

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Cavanaugh

**FINANCIAL REPORT**

Hinrichs presented the financial report for the month of January 2019 as follows:

Accrual Expenditures for Month .....	\$53,737.40
Cash Expenditures for Month.....	\$68,188.81
Accrual Revenues for Month.....	\$172,095.12
Cash Revenues for Month.....	\$170,577.28
Bank Balance—January 31, 2019.....	\$497,158.07
Accounts Receivable – January 31, 2019.....	\$255.15
Investments – Pinnacle Bank – January 31, 2019.....	\$957,806.10
Building Sinking Fund – January 31, 2019.....	\$39,833.44
Vehicle Sinking Fund – January 31, 2019.....	\$54,420.52
Water Resources Fund – January 31, 2019.....	\$494,843.50
Whiskey Slough IPA Balance – January 31, 2019.....	\$13,784.37
Fort Kearny-West IPA Balance – January 31, 2019.....	\$13,998.04
South Dry Creek IPA Balance – January 31, 2019.....	\$11,792.27
Fort Kearny IPA Balance – January 31, 2019.....	\$14,543.10
Sacramento Creek IPA Balance – January 31, 2019.....	\$2,555.29
North Dry Creek IPA Balance – January 31, 2019.....	\$11,490.68
Water Jamboree – January 31, 2019.....	\$9,740.29
NR MDMA – January 31, 2019.....	\$7,631.72
Odessa IPA – January 31, 2019.....	\$10,018.93

Johnson commented that if the NRRMDA isn't re-established, the checking account should be closed, and funds distributed between the members. Moved by Garrelts, seconded by Bilka, to approve the January 2019 Financial Report and submit for audit. Motion carried.

AYE: Bergstrom, Bilka, Garrelts, Harris, Hinrichs, Johnson, Jorgensen, Larson, Lundeen, Olsen, Raffety and Reynolds

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Cavanaugh

#### SPECIAL BILLS

Thorburn presented the VISA and attorney bills for approval. Larson talked about the demonstration project that CNPPID invoiced. Moved by Bergstrom, seconded by Johnson, to approve the VISA, PRD (2), CNPPID (4) and attorney bills. Motion carried.

AYE: Bergstrom, Bilka, Garrelts, Harris, Hinrichs, Johnson, Jorgensen, Larson, Lundeen, Olsen, Raffety and Reynolds

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Cavanaugh

#### NRCS REPORT

**FSA Farm Plans:** There were no farm plans to approve.

**Activity and Progress Report:** Michael Perry reported that staff has been working on CSP and EQIP.

#### COST SHARE REPORT

**Well Abandonment** – Thorburn presented two well decommissioning cost-share applications to approve. Moved by Raffety, seconded by Bilka, to approve two well decommissioning cost-share applications. Motion carried.

AYE: Bergstrom, Bilka, Garrelts, Harris, Hinrichs, Johnson, Jorgensen, Larson, Lundeen, Olsen, Raffety and Reynolds

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Cavanaugh

**NSWCP & NRD Applications** – Thorburn presented ten NSWCP applications to approve. Moved by Raffety, seconded by Garrelts, to approve ten NSWCP cost-share applications. Motion carried.

AYE: Bergstrom, Bilka, Garrelts, Harris, Hinrichs, Johnson, Jorgensen, Larson, Lundeen, Olsen, Raffety and Reynolds

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Cavanaugh

#### GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT

**Groundwater & Certified Acre Transfers** – Thorburn presented three irrigated acre transfer requests for Robert & Vicki Swanson and a correction request for Roger & Doris Cain. Robert Swanson and Roger Cain were present to answer questions. Moved by Garrelts, seconded by Bilka to approve three irrigated acre transfer requests for Robert & Vicki Swanson and a correction to irrigated acres for Roger & Doris Cain. Motion carried.

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AYE: Bergstrom, Bilka, Garrelts, Harris, Hinrichs, Johnson, Jorgensen, Larson, Lundeen, Olsen, Raffety and Reynolds

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Cavanaugh

**Educational Land Leases** – There were no educational land leases to approve.

### OTHER BUSINESS

The public was given the opportunity to bring other specific business or non-agenda items before the board for comment and/or discussion. There was no public comment.

### UNFINISHED BUSINESS

**Consider Designating a Portion of Anderson Township in Phelps County as a Phase II for Groundwater Quality Management:** This item will be discussed after the hearing is closed.

### NARD REPORT

Reynolds commented on the NARD Legislative Conference and pending legislative bills. The Washington DC Conference will be held March 30<sup>th</sup> – April 4<sup>th</sup>, 2019. Reynolds commented that the Loup Basin Tour conflicts with the June 2019 Board Meeting. Thorburn will add that to the April agenda.

### COMMITTEE REPORTS

**Work Session Topics:** Lundeen asked staff and directors to comment on goals and objectives for TBNRD. The following is a list of Director objectives:

- Maintain positive connection with livestock industry. (One of top three suggestions)
- Work with CNPPID Board and Manager. (One of top three suggestions)
- Continue to monitor Eastern Kearney County and maintain contact with area landowners. (one of top three suggestions)
- Concern was expressed with oil drilling in SW Kearney County and the effect on groundwater. Thorburn will get someone to explain the process.
- Communicate with public about drought scenario.
- Completion of the Platte Republican Diversion Project
- Water Meters on all wells.
- Publicize the NRD more through social media, newsletter and website. YouTube could be used also.

The following is a list of Staff objectives:

- Implementing paperless meeting and deploying iPad to staff and directors. There was a comment that the agenda should be projected.
- Public relations, relevant press releases, social media, website redesign.
- Mound sustainability and making data more media friendly.
- Database redesign and communication with landowners and producers about rules and regulations.

### STAFF REPORTS & NECESSARY ACTION

**Board Directives to Staff:** Lynch mentioned the Blood Screening is February 26, 2019 and Directors are welcome.

**Out-of-State Travel:** There was no out-of-state travel to approve.

**MONTHLY REPORTS**

**Republican Basin (NRRMDA):** Thorburn reported the Basin Wide Plan was approved by all four Republican Basin NRDs.

**Platte Basin:** The Platte Basin Stakeholders meeting was rescheduled.

**Sand Creek/Little Blue Basin:** Thorburn is still working on easements for some Sand Creek landowners.

**North Dry Creek:** IPA Meeting set for March 1, 2019.

**Odessa IPA:** IPA Meeting set for March 1, 2019.

**Sacramento Creek:** IPA Meeting set for March 1, 2019.

**Fort Kearny:** IPA Meeting set for March 1, 2019.

**Fort Kearny West:** IPA Meeting set for March 1, 2019.

**South Dry Creek:** IPA Meeting set for March 1, 2019.

**Whiskey Slough:** IPA Meeting set for March 1, 2019.

**Middle Lost Creek:** Nothing to report.

**Lake Seldom:** Nothing to report.

**CoHyst/Platte Basin Coalition:** CoHyst meeting will be next week.

**Rainwater Basin Joint Venture:** Nothing to report.

**Platte-Republican Diversion & Republican Basin Augmentation Well:** Munter reported on the Vegetation Management Plan, which was presented at the last PRD meeting and included a prescribed burn. Munter will give the presentation to LRNRD Board of Directors too. Moved by Bilka, seconded by Garrelts, to approve the Vegetation Management Plan for the PRD. Motion carried.

AYE: Bergstrom, Bilka, Garrelts, Harris, Johnson, Jorgensen, Larson, Lundeen, Olsen, Raffety and Reynolds

NAY: Hinrichs

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Cavanaugh

**CNPPID:** Ford reported Lake McConaughy is at elevation 3254.8.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**Consider Designating a Portion of Anderson Township in Phelps County as a Phase II for Groundwater Quality Management:** Moved by Garrelts, seconded by Johnson to designate a portion of Anderson Township (T7, R17W, Sections 1-15, 22-27 and 34-36) in Phelps County as Phase II for Groundwater Quality Management. Motion carried.

AYE: Bergstrom, Bilka, Garrelts, Harris, Hinrichs, Johnson, Jorgensen, Larson, Lundeen, Olsen, Raffety and Reynolds

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Cavanaugh

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

**Consider Approval of Blue Basin Model (MOU) with NDNR:** Thorburn explained the agreement and budget requirements which are budgeted already for FY 2018-2019.

Moved by Olsen, seconded by Larson, to approve the Blue Basin Model Memorandum of Understanding. Motion carried.

AYE: Bergstrom, Bilka, Garrelts, Harris, Hinrichs, Johnson, Jorgensen, Larson, Lundeen, Olsen, Raffety and Reynolds

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Cavanaugh

**Consider Nominating Thorburn for NE Invasive Species Council:** Moved by Bilka, seconded by Olsen, to nominate John Thorburn to serve as NARD Representative on the NE Invasive Species Council. Motion carried.

AYE: Bergstrom, Bilka, Garrelts, Harris, Hinrichs, Johnson, Jorgensen, Larson, Lundeen, Olsen, Raffety and Reynolds

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Cavanaugh

#### **COMMENTS AND CONCERNS**

There were no comments and concerns.

Moved by Garrelts, seconded by Bilka, to move to executive session at 3:29 p.m. for the protection of the public to discuss a legal matter. Motion carried.

AYE: Bergstrom, Bilka, Garrelts, Harris, Hinrichs, Johnson, Jorgensen, Larson, Lundeen, Olsen, Raffety and Reynolds

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Cavanaugh

Moved by Bilka, seconded by Raffety, to move out of executive session at 3:40 p.m. for the protection of the public to discuss a legal matter. Motion carried.

AYE: Bergstrom, Bilka, Garrelts, Harris, Hinrichs, Johnson, Jorgensen, Larson, Lundeen, Olsen, Raffety and Reynolds

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Cavanaugh

#### **NEXT BOARD MEETING**

TBNRD Regular Board Meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 12, 2019, 2018 at 1:30 p.m.

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**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 3:45 p.m.

**DIRECTORS PRESENT**

Brian Bergstrom, Joe Bilka, Todd Garrelts, Ed Harris, Rob Hinrichs, Phyllis Johnson, Greg Jorgensen, Joe Larson, Brad Lundeen, Dave Olsen, Dave Raffety and Larry Reynolds.

**OTHERS PRESENT**

Carie Lynch, John Thorburn, Dalton Refior, Devin Brundage, Roger Cain, Robert Swanson, Nate Munter, Nolan Little, Nicole Salisbury, Tammy Fahrenbruch, Michael Perry, Amy Dutton, Dave Ford, Wayne Anderson and Franklin Carlson.

Respectfully Submitted:

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Carie Lynch, Asst. Secretary

INDEX OF BOARD DECISIONS  
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 BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING  
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ID	Motion #	Category	Subject	Aye	Nay	Abstain	
	2019-02-12-01	Meeting Administration		12			Moved by Olsen, seconded by Johnson, to approve the minutes for the January 8, 2019 Board of Directors Meeting as corrected. Motion carried.
	2019-02-12-02	Meeting Administration		12			Moved by Garrelts, seconded by Bilka, to approve the January 2019 Financial Report and submit for audit. Motion carried.
	2019-02-12-03	Budget		12			Moved by Bergstrom, seconded by Johnson, to approve the VISA, PRD (2), CNPPID (4) and attorney bills. Motion carried.
	2019-02-12-04	Meeting Administration		12			Moved by Raffety, seconded by Bilka, to approve two well decommissioning cost-share applications. Motion carried.
	2019-02-12-05	Meeting Administration		12			Moved by Raffety, seconded by Garrelts, to approve ten NSWCP cost-share applications. Motion carried.
	2019-02-12-06	Certification & Transfers	Swanson & Cain	12			Moved by Garrelts, seconded by Bilka to approve three irrigated acre transfer requests for Robert & Vicki Swanson and a correction to irrigated acres for Roger & Doris Cain. Motion carried.
	2019-02-12-07	Projects	PRD Vegetation Mgmt. Plan	11	1		Moved by Bilka, seconded by Garrelts, to approve the Vegetation Management Plan for the PRD. Motion carried.
	2019-02-12-08	District Plans & Programs	Anderson Township Phase II GW Quality Mgmt.	12			Moved by Garrelts, seconded by Johnson to designate a portion of Anderson Township (T7, R17W, Sections 1-15, 22-27 and 34-36) in Phelps County as Phase II for Groundwater Quality Management. Motion carried.
	2019-02-12-09	Agreements	Blue Basin Model MOU	12			Moved by Olsen, seconded by Larson, to approve the Blue Basin Model Memorandum of Understanding. Motion carried.
	2019-02-12-10	Personnel	Thorburn NE Invasive Species Council	12			Moved by Bilka, seconded by Olsen, to nominate John Thorburn to serve as NARD Representative on the NE Invasive Species Council. Motion carried.

	2019-02-12-11	Meeting Administration		12			Moved by Garrelts, seconded by Bilka, to move to executive session at 3:29 p.m. for the protection of the public to discuss a legal matter. Motion carried.
	2019-02-12-12	Meeting Administration		12			Moved by Bilka, seconded by Raffety, to move out of executive session at 3:40 p.m. for the protection of the public to discuss a legal matter. Motion carried.